

## The Intelligencer.

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The conspicuous thing about the position taken by the Democracy at Charleston in their declaration of hostility to the Pluck amendment. The majority in the committee on resolutions reported in its favor, and up to a certain point there is no doubt the bulk of the Convention were for it, but at a critical moment an assault was made by the faction which for lack of a better description may be called the *legitimate* clique, and a successful appeal to prejudices turned the tide.

All our readers understand what that amendment is. Only one class are now excluded from the suffrage, viz: those who gave voluntary aid to the rebellion. The negro is already a voter under the Constitution of the United States. The amendment does not enfranchise him, for he is already enfranchised. It only recognizes the obligation to make our written constitution conform in its language to the Constitution of the United States by omitting "white" from the new section that is to replace the old. But those whom the amendment does enfranchise are the voluntary aiders of the rebellion, whose exclusion the Democratic politicians of this State have pretended to insist with most indignant commiseration.

The Democratic managers, who seem to have twisted the Charleston Convention around their fingers, have therefore simply put their party in the extraordinary attitude of hostility to the enfranchisement of those whose enfranchisement they have been all along professing most ardently to desire. Because they have declared war on the only measure that can affect it, a measure, too, that has passed the first and most difficult stage, and needs only a favorable verdict at the polls this Fall to insure its success. Nor do they propose anything else, even were there anything else to propose. We look through the platform in vain for a crumb of comfort for our ex-Confederate friend, who feels that the prospect of his early restoration to full citizenship is bound up in the Pluck amendment, and that he has been treated as a rebel in the house of his pretended friends. The platform is utterly silent about him. It promises him nothing, nor was the omission accidental, for in declaring against the amendment the Convention explicitly refused to recognize his claim to enfranchisement; and the principal speaker who seems to have led the crusade on the Pluck Amendment even went so far as to declare that the enfranchisement of the rebel was not essential to the success of the Democracy. This is, under the circumstances, very significant declaration.

It does not require very powerful glasses to see one reason why the relief of the rebels is not considered essential to Democratic success. Democratic councils in this State are ruled, and have been for some years, by very small potent politicians, who are afraid if the rebels were enfranchised it would bring into the political arena, and into competition with themselves men of so much larger caliber that the small potatoes afterwards would never be heard of again; and so while they labor to create popular sympathy for the excluded rebels and flout into power on it, it seems they want to have a brief season at the spoils by themselves before any actual enfranchisement takes place. In other words they have less concern about the relief of their friends than about feathering their own nests.

All the virtuous indignation about not having negro suffrage crammed down Democratic throats is pure *ex cathedra*; and Democratic negro suffrage has already been crammed down chivalrous throats here and elsewhere, and there is no help for it. The question pure and simple before the Charleston Convention was, whether, in full view of this fact, they would favor, as a set-off, white suffrage for the now disabled rebels. And under the strategy of the small-potatoes, the Convention solemnly declared it would not. And now, if the reason of it is what we suggest, let somebody show what it is.

"Journalistic Honesty."—Some four or five weeks ago the *Wheeling Intelligencer* asserted that the *Journal* opposed the passage by the Legislature of the Pluck amendment, so long as opposition could avail anything. We denied the charge, and quoted from the columns of the *Journal* to show that we entered the amendment as soon as it was published, and urged all Republican members to support it; and this was before the passage of the Pluck amendment, and before the *Intelligencer* had not yet had the candor to correct the assertion. We only refer to it, to exhibit to the fraternity of our State this specimen of journalistic honesty.—*Intelligencer*.

Here is what the *Intelligencer* asserted, after quoting some complimentary remarks from the *Journal*:

The reader would naturally suppose the author of the above had been all along a consistent advocate of the so-called Pluck amendment, instead of an opponent of it, as he was, as long as opposition could avail anything.

We have no correction to make of this statement because it is true; and the *Journal*, and all its readers, know it. The editor of the *Intelligencer* fought the proposition for the enfranchisement amendment from the time we first brought it forward in the Spring of 1869, up to the time the proposition had taken the shape of a resolution in the House of Delegates and it had become certain that the Legislature would adopt it. Then this very candid and honest editor turned his coat and became an ardent supporter of it. The facts are amply stated by the *Intelligencer* itself, in a recent issue, in a column headed "The *Intelligencer* and the *Journal*," in which the *Intelligencer* is made in a position of the *Journal*'s trickery in this very matter.

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## A Telegraph Cable Laid Between Tennessee and Arkansas.

Tennessee and Arkansas.

Memphis, June 11.

The new cable of the Western Union Line was successfully dropped into the bottom of the Mississippi river, yesterday, by Mr. L. C. Baker, Superintendent of the Arkansas line. The cable weighed seven tons, and cost over five thousand dollars. The new cable has three independent wires, well insulated, and the whole is covered with twisted wire making the nearly two inches in diameter. Mr. Baker had the cable coiled within an immense drum, in which was attached the necessary breaking apparatus for the purpose of breaking the cable into small pieces. The machinery was placed upon a flatboat, and with a steam tug and tow-boat, the boats started down the river. Little Alps, the boats started down the river to a point on the Arkansas shore opposite Fort Pickering. Upon making first one end of the cable at Arkansas at 9 o'clock P. M., the paying out commenced, and the cable was successfully laid in thirty minutes. The strain on the drum when the boat arrived at a point where the water was deepest was very great, but the breaking gear held until the emergency, and regulated the paying out satisfactorily to all parties. The end of the cable of one wire, which the company have been using for some time, had become in a manner useless to the company. The new cable will be connected with the lines to-day, and its utility and power properly tested.

In a Nut Shell.

The West Virginia Democratic Convention took place in favor of a white man's government, and opposition to the 15th Amendment. A resolution in favor of the rebellion would have been in keeping with this—*Intelligencer*.

DIED.

ROBINSON.—In this city, Monday, June 13th, John Robinson, aged 40 years, of the late firm of Robinson & Co., of this city, died at 4 o'clock. Friends of the family are invited to attend.

SPECIAL NOTICES.

THE LATEST AND CHOICEST.

H. A. MOSS FARMER.—Said to be very fine for

COX'S SPARKING GLASS.—An old

SUPERIOR.—A very fine article to

DAKENS' COCA.—Warranted pure, delicious

HECKER'S.—A very fine article to

WINSTON BUTTER.—This genuine article

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FOR SALE.—A BEHOLDING

Black Residence, with all modern

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on street, a full lot of ground with

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WHEELING FEMALE COLLEGE.

The commencement exercises will be

held in the Fourth Street Church, on Thurs-

day, the 15th inst., beginning at 8 o'clock A. M.

The friends of education are specially invited to

attend. MISS L. H. WILSON, Principal.

C. D. HUBBARD, President of Board of Directors.

NOTICE.

SPECIALS OF THE COURT OF COMPTON.

A special meeting of the Board of Supervisors

of Ohio County will be held at the Court House

on Tuesday next, the 21st inst.,

beginning at 10 o'clock A. M.

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